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



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1. [REDACTED] two passenger ships, the Raiovka and Asorbajdschan, were observed in the Komarno, Czechoslovakia, shipyards. A similar ship was observed on the stocks of the shipyard and another on the Danube in Budapest. The ships are 78 meters long and will accommodate 1200 passengers. These ships, which have a draft of 1.4 meters, are the same type as the Austrian DDSG ships the Stadt Wien and the Stadt Passau, with the exception that the former have screw propellers while the Austrian ships have paddle wheels on the sides. It is said that 10 ships of this type have already been built and it is rumored that a total of 40 will be constructed.<sup>1</sup>
2. Three newly constructed tugs, the Sverdlovsk, Admiral Karatov and Admiral Winsky, were observed in Komarno shipyards. The tugs, flying Soviet flags, are 64 meters long (sic) and have engines of 1200 horsepower.<sup>2</sup>
3. Two tugs, constructed at the Obuda shipyard, were observed in Budapest.<sup>3</sup> One was seen making a trial run on the Danube. These tugs, which have a draft of 90 centimeters, are very wide and short. They are operated by steam and have paddle wheels on the sides.
4. Two floating cranes, 15 meters wide and 20-22 meters long, were observed in the port of Csepel, Hungary.<sup>4</sup> Each crane has a lifting capacity of 120 tons and a draft of about 1.2 meters. They are diesel-electric and are to be delivered to the USSR.

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| 25X1A | 1 |  | Comment. | The ships are allegedly destined for service on the Volga River or the Don-Volga Canal in the USSR.                                |
|       | 2 |  | Comment. | These are three of 60 tugs which are to be constructed for the USSR.   |
|       | 3 |  | Comment. | The tugs are allegedly destined for service on the Dniaper River in the USSR.  |
|       | 4 |  | Comment. | Reportedly there are four more cranes tied up at Liupotin, Rumania, waiting for high water in order to pass through the Iron Gate. |

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